

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A wall patch, comprising:
a sheet of film having a substantially uniform thickness, and further comprising a lower surface and an upper surface;
a pre-textured, ready-to-paint layer ~~pre~~-applied to the upper surface; and
an adhesive located on ~~a~~ the lower surface of the sheet; and
a perimeter of the sheet having a feathered edge.
2. (Previously Presented) A wall patch according to claim 1 wherein the feathered edge comprises a plurality of non-uniform serrations.
3. (Currently Amended) A wall patch according to claim 1 wherein the sheet of film comprises a ~~Polyester or other~~ plastic film.
4. (Previously Presented) A wall patch according to claim 3 wherein the sheet is formed from a single tear-resistant material.
5. (Previously Presented) A wall patch according to claim 1 wherein the sheet is formed of a sheet of biaxially oriented three-ply polypropylene film.
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18. (Currently Amended) A wall patch for repairing a hole or a crack in a wall, comprising:

a ~~non-perforated~~ flexible sheet having a substantially uniform thickness and including an upper surface and a lower surface;

an adhesive layer applied to the lower surface of the sheet; and

~~a ready-to-paint layer pre-applied to the upper surface.~~

19. (Currently Amended) A wall patch according to claim 18 wherein the ready-to-paint ~~layer on the~~ upper surface of the sheet is pre-textured.

20. (Currently Amended) A wall patch according to claim 18 wherein one or more edges of the sheet are feathered to allow the sheet to more readily blend with a ~~textured~~ wall surface.

21. (Currently Amended) A wall patch according to claim 18, further comprising:
~~a center reinforcement formed separately from the wall patch, wherein the center reinforcement is placed over the repair area before securing the wall patch and adhered to the adhesive layer.~~

22. (Previously Presented) A wall patch according to claim 21 wherein the center reinforcement is a rigid metal or plastic wall patch.

23. (Previously Presented) A wall patch according to claim 21 wherein the center reinforcement is a smooth, self-adhesive plastic or fibered-paper wall patch.

24. (Currently Amended) A wall patch according to claim 1 wherein the pre-textured, ready to paint layer comprises a mixture of paint and mud preapplied applied to the wall patch during fabrication of the wall patch.

25. (Previously Presented) A wall patch according to claim 19 wherein the ready-to-paint upper surface of the sheet is pre-textured with a mixture of mud and paint.

26. (Previously Presented) A wall patch according to claim 1 wherein the sheet is formed from a single puncture-resistant material.

27. (Previously Presented) A wall patch according to claim 26 wherein the material is a plastic.

28. (Previously Presented) A wall patch according to claim 27 wherein the material is a polypropylene film.

29. (Previously Presented) A wall patch according to claim 27 wherein the material is a polyester film.

30. (Currently Amended) A wall patch comprising consisting essentially of a sheet formed of a single contiguous tear-resistant material, said sheet having an upper surface and a lower surface; a pre-textured, ready-to-paint layer applied to the upper surface; and an adhesive layer applied to the lower surface.

31. (Currently Amended) A wall patch according to claim 30 wherein the sheet further comprises consists of a perimeter having a feathered edge.

32. (Currently Amended) A wall patch according to claim 31, wherein the feathered edge comprises consists of a plurality of non-uniform serrations.